Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the school fete. It was such a wonderful community event bringing together past students, parents, parishioners and many new to the school and district. After a few threatening clouds, the sun shone on our glorious school grounds in a sea of colour and light. There was plenty to do with the jumping castle, laser skirmish, face painting, raffles, bridge walking, mini golf and the construction shed being some of the most popular activities. The entertainment provided by the Spaghetti Circus, Mandy Nolan, Curly Cousins, Stu and Amber, Sarah Buckley and skateboarding Jai kept the crowd happy well into the evening.

Lynette Kee, as coordinator, deserves a special mention in bringing the community together and putting the name St John’s on everybody’s lips for the occasion. The fete committee and class parents gathered over a coffee at the Poinciana Cafe on Wednesday to reflect on the event and start to plan how our next event can be even bigger and better.

Thanks to Mrs Amanda Bottle who coordinated our Easter liturgy today and our year 5/6 students who participated so well. May everyone have a happy, holy and safe Easter break.

Dates to remember:
ANZAC Day March: 25th April – Gather at Apex Park for a 10.45 am start with the service at the Cenotaph to start at 11 am. Students to wear full school uniform (not sports).

School resumes Term 2 on Wednesday 1st May.
(Staff return Monday 29th April)
School Photos Monday 27th May (Week 5)
Friday May 31st Pupil Free Day (Week 5)

Regards,

Tim Bleakley
Principal
C a n t e e n  N e w s

The following information is provided for all those parents new to the school.

The canteen is run exclusively by volunteers and is open Mondays and Fridays. The aim is to provide nutritious lunches at a reasonable cost delivered to each classroom before the lunch bell.

Fruit, snacks and drinks are available from the counter at recess and lunch but frozen items can only be bought at lunchtime.

Lunch orders are to be written on a bag with the child’s name and class clearly visible. Money is placed in the bag and any change is then taped to the bag.

Parents can donate fruit and nutritious snacks for the counter.

The canteen aims to make a modest profit and all proceeds go to the school.

Any parents who wish to be available for a 4-hour shift next term please leave your name and phone number at the office.

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Brunswick Heads North Coast Rugby Seven’s

Last Wednesday the 20th March was a very historical day for St Johns. For the first time a St Johns Rugby Union team competed in a local competition, the North Coast Rugby Sevens. And what a debut it was! After two riveting training sessions with Mr Harry Witt, the Rugby Union local Development Officer, the team played 4 games and achieved a creditable 5th placing of seven local Primary Schools. Not a bad effort considering 90% of the players had no Rugby Union experience prior to the day!

The team won one of their three pool games and then competed in the ‘play off’ for 5th placing. This was the ‘local derby’ against a spirited Brunswick Heads team, which we found out had pilfered our promising junior Ochre Wood to bolster their team.

The boys had finally clicked to the structure of sevens rugby and displayed a magnificent free running, bone crunching tackling game that had the small St Johns supporter group in raptures. The game finished 4-4 but the St Johns outfit were declared worthy winners because they gained the first elusive 5 pointer. It was a promising debut from the St Johns team and Coach Hayes hopes it is a catalyst for creating more Rugby Union ‘Magic’ moments in the future. More importantly the team showed great sportsmanship on the day and were fine ambassadors of St Johns.

Photos from the Fete:
April 2nd is Autism Awareness Day.

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that has become extremely common throughout the world. In fact, worldwide a child with some form of Autism is born every twenty minutes.

Autism locks a child into a world where they struggle to communicate and talk. Although they know what they want to say, they find it very difficult to share their thoughts and words.

This often leads to frustration where the child becomes upset or angry. Awkward social interaction such as this can result in others totally misunderstanding the child with Autism.

On April 2nd, please spare a few thoughts and prayers for both children with Autism and their family members. Together, they walk a difficult road on a daily basis.

For a reflective look at Autism go to http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1hiQYurSJCQ&list=RD02UGCrzmJfw
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-Mrs Russell

Additional Needs Teacher

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World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Brazil and Chile are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

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